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Applicant : Weifang Luo et al.  
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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed December 7, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

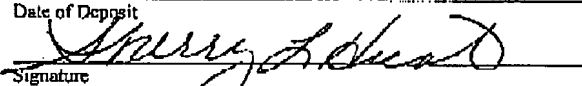
Please cancel claims 51-54.

Please amend claim 47 to:

47. (Twice Amended) A battery comprising:  
a housing;  
a first electrode within the housing;  
a second electrode within the first electrode, the second electrode including nine lobes extending radially in a plane transverse to a length of the housing; and  
a separator between the first electrode and the second electrode,  
wherein the first electrode contacts an entire surface of the separator.

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